



## MONTHLY BUSINESS INDICATORS VICTORIA, MAY 1989

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### ACTUAL PRIVATE NEW CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

*State Estimates of Private New Capital Expenditure* (5646.0) (quarterly) (\$7.50)

### EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES

*Average Weekly Earnings, States and Australia* (6302.0) (quarterly) (\$8.00)

*Award Rates of Pay Indexes, Australia* (6312.0) (monthly) (\$8.00)

*Job Vacancies, Australia* (6231.0) (quarterly) (\$3.00)

*Overtime, Australia* (6330.0) (quarterly) (\$3.00)

*The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0) (monthly) (\$12.00)

### PRICES

*Consumer Price Index* (6401.0) (quarterly) (\$8.00)

*Price Index of Materials Used in Building Other Than House Building, Six State Capital Cities and Darwin* (6407.0) (monthly) (\$8.00)

*Price Index of Materials Used in House Building, Six State Capital Cities* (6408.0) (monthly) (\$3.25)

### BUILDING

*Building Activity, Australia* (8752.0) (quarterly) (\$11.50)

*Building Approvals, Australia* (8731.0) (monthly) (\$8.00)

### RETAIL TRADE

*Retail Trade, Australia* (8501.0) (monthly) (\$8.00)

*Information Paper: Introduction of Improved Monthly Retail Trade Statistics* (8511.0)

### PRODUCTION

*Monthly Summary of Statistics, Victoria* (1303.2) (\$7.50)

### NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS

*Motor Vehicle Registrations, Australia* (9303.0) (monthly) (\$8.00)

### BANKS

*Monthly Summary of Statistics, Victoria* (1303.2) (\$7.50)

### HOUSING FINANCE FOR OWNER OCCUPATION

*Housing Finance for Owner Occupation, Australia* (5609.0) (monthly) (\$7.50)

### OVERSEAS TRADE

*Exports, Australia, Monthly Summary Tables* (5432.0) (\$7.50)

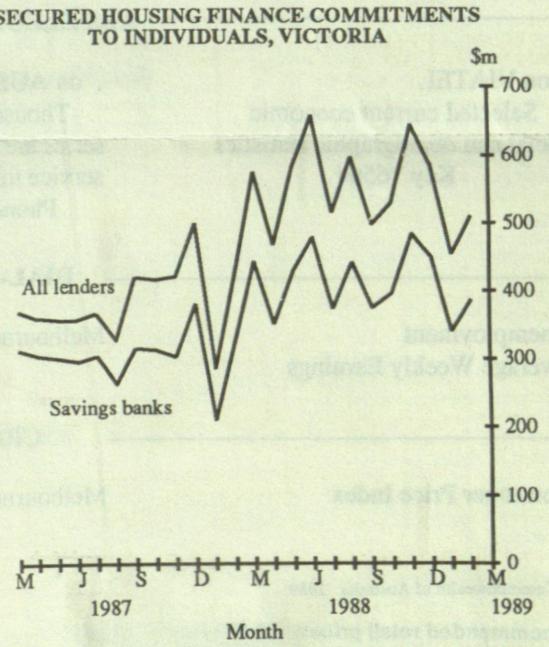
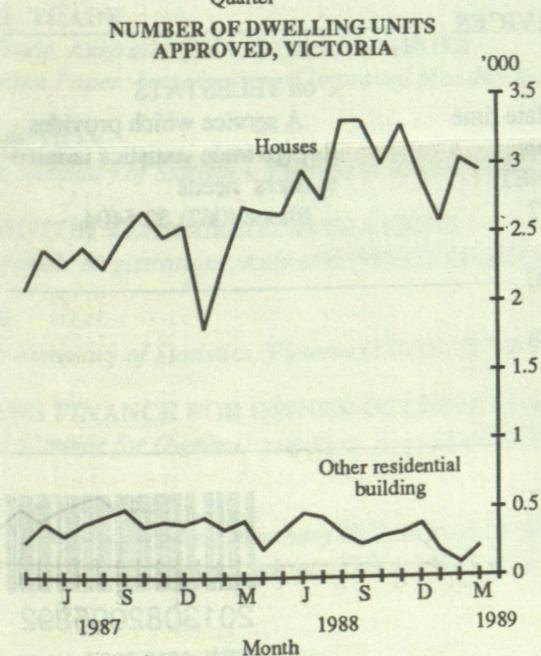
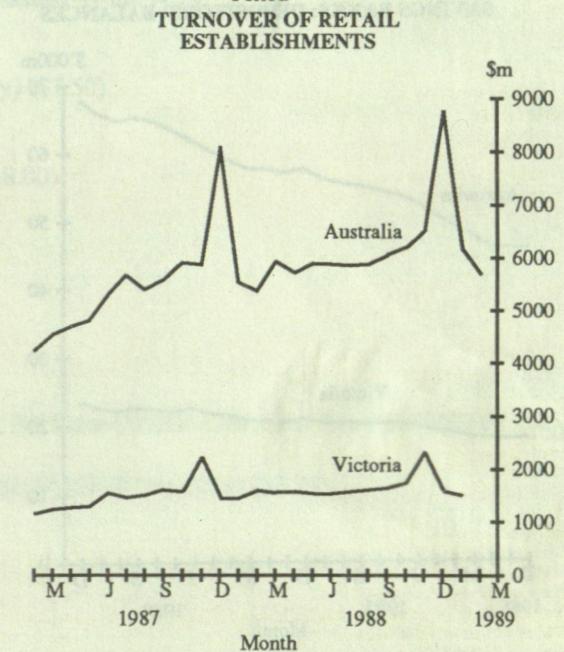
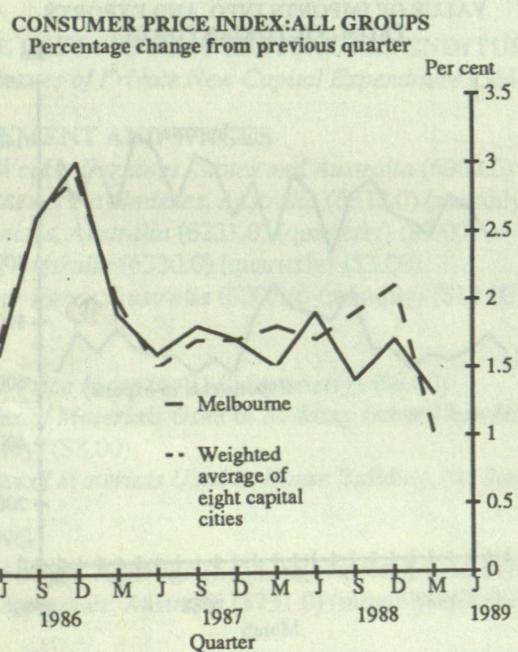
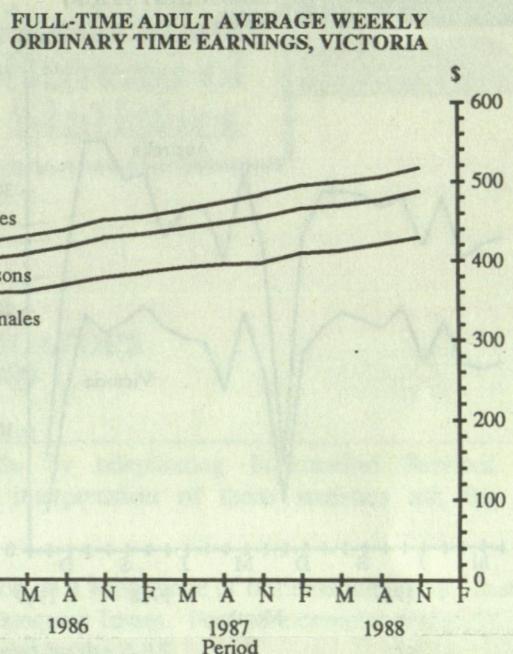
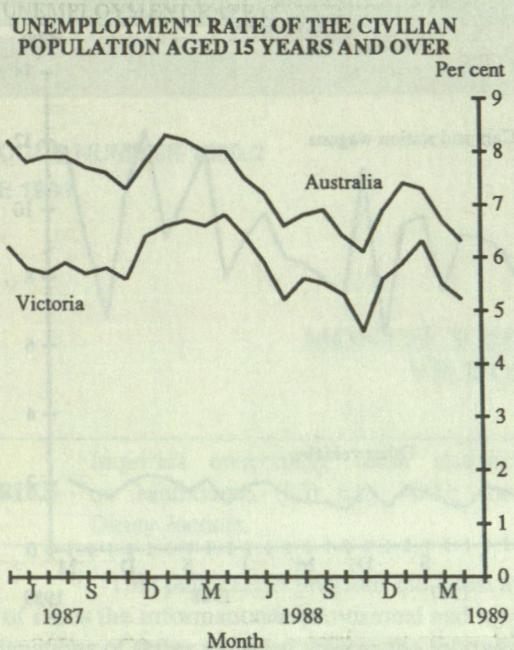
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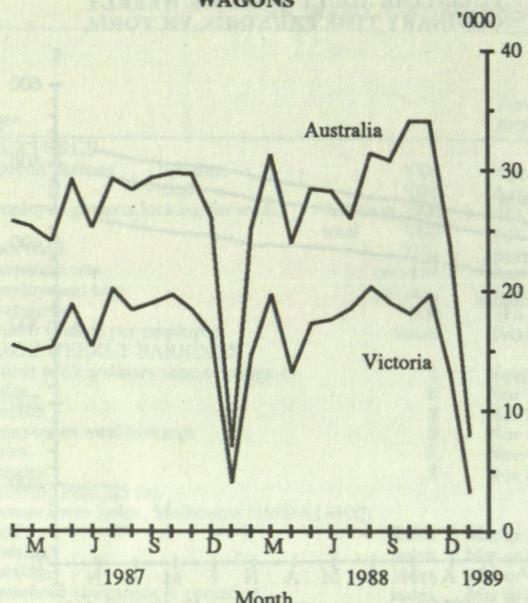
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Indicator		Latest period	Latest figure	Figures for preceding three periods			Figure one year ago	Change over year per cent	Latest Aust. figure	Change over year Aust. per cent	
				One period	Two periods	Three periods					
LABOUR FORCE											
Employed persons	- full-time	'000	Apr 89	1,631.2	1,615.6	1,611.4	1,591.6	1,571.8	3.8	6,113.9	3.6
	- total	'000	Apr 89	2,038.5	2,025.7	2,003.8	1,957.4	1,959.0	4.1	7,683.6	4.1
Unemployed persons looking for work	- full-time	'000	Apr 89	76.6	84.8	101.5	90.8	98.2	-22.0	389.9	-20.8
	- total	'000	Apr 89	112.0	117.1	135.8	122.8	142.1	-21.2	516.3	-19.9
Labour force		'000	Apr 89	2,150.5	2,142.8	2,139.6	2,080.3	2,101.1	2.4	8,199.9	2.1
Participation rate	per cent		Apr 89	63.9	63.7	63.7	62.0	63.3	0.9	63.1	0.0
Unemployment rate	per cent		Apr 89	5.2	5.5	6.3	5.9	6.8	-23.5	6.3	-21.3
Job vacancies	'000	Feb 89	21.2	19.5	18.1	18.6	16.3	30.1	72.5	17.3	
Overtime worked per employee	hours	Feb 89	1.52	1.56	1.45	1.54	1.50	1.3	1.41	5.2	
AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS											
Full-time adult ordinary time earnings -	\$	Nov 88	487.00	475.90	469.30	465.50	454.10	7.2	484.90	7.7	
Males	\$	Nov 88	516.00	504.40	498.30	493.90	482.80	7.0	512.70	7.4	
Females	\$	Nov 88	429.20	420.10	412.20	409.30	396.60	8.2	426.80	8.9	
All employees total earnings	\$	Nov 88	429.60	417.00	414.90	414.40	408.50	5.2	430.10	7.0	
Males	\$	Nov 88	503.30	486.30	483.50	476.30	473.10	6.4	505.20	7.5	
Females	\$	Nov 88	333.40	324.60	322.70	326.70	318.10	4.8	328.70	7.2	
CONSUMER PRICES (a)											
Consumer Price Index, Melbourne (1980-81=100) -											
Food	index	Mar qr 89	183.9	182.3	179.5	174.0	167.7	9.7	180.5	9.4	
Clothing	index	Mar qr 89	177.3	177.5	171.2	170.3	163.3	8.6	175.9	7.3	
Housing	index	Mar qr 89	207.3	204.5	193.7	189.1	186.8	11.0	197.7	11.6	
Household equipment & operation	index	Mar qr 89	182.3	181.1	178.6	176.8	174.7	4.4	183.1	5.6	
Transportation	index	Mar qr 89	184.5	181.3	181.1	180.8	180.2	2.4	193.6	2.7	
Tobacco & alcohol	index	Mar qr 89	204.8	201.9	201.9	199.1	195.6	4.7	210.1	5.2	
Health & personal care	index	Mar qr 89	203.7	192.6	192.6	190.8	185.8	9.6	191.1	8.5	
Recreation & education (Mar qr 1982=100)	index	Mar qr 89	165.4	163.7	161.1	160.4	158.6	4.3	163.2	5.1	
All groups	index	Mar qr 89	188.7	186.2	183.0	180.4	177.1	6.5	188.0	6.8	
RETAIL SALES (excl. motor vehicles, etc)	\$m	Feb 89	1,495.8	1,582.4	2,330.3	1,732.4	1,444.7	3.5	5,680.1	5.6	
PRODUCTION											
Manufacturing -											
Clay bricks	million	Jan 89	25.0	30.3	42.3	36.8	15.2	64.5	153	71.9	
Ready mixed concrete	'000 cu.m	Jan 89	248	338	345	379	188	31.9	1,047	17.1	
Plastics & synthetic resins (b)	tonnes	Jan 89	27,944	36,325	42,166	44,791	29,101	-4.0	52,409	5.3	
Textile floor coverings	'000 sq.m	Jan 89	1,573	3,042	3,540	3,316	976	61.2	1,775	54.8	
Cars & station wagons	'000	Jan 89	3.2	13.1	19.7	18.1	4.0	-20.0	7.9	14.5	
Yams - Cotton	tonnes	Jan 89	159	707	830	794	160	-0.6	311	-27.7	
- Wool	tonnes	Jan 89	633	1,312	1,556	1,500	775	-18.3	784	-23.7	
Woven fabric - Cotton	'000 sq.m	Jan 89	332	911	1,371	1,592	202	64.4	951	21.8	
- Woollen(incl worsted wool)	'000 sq.m	Jan 89	324	399	584	561	255	27.1	498	11.2	
- Man-made fibres	'000 sq.m	Jan 89	4,247	6,414	7,585	7,543	1,359	212.5	7,433	102.4	
Electricity	million kWh	Jan 89	2,858	2,928	2,999	3,098	2,894	-1.2	11,460	4.9	
OVERSEAS TRADE											
Imports	\$m	Mar 89	1,310.4	1,205.5	1,328.3	1,172.3	1,284.6	2.0	3,749.6	0.0	
Exports (excl. re-exports)	\$m	Mar 89	632.6	763.6	689.9	771.6	830.4	-23.8	3,412.2	-4.9	
BUILDING											
Approvals -											
New houses	No.	Mar 89	2,950	3,032	2,580	2,889	2,687	9.8	11,200	-0.1	
New other residential building	No.	Mar 89	220	92	184	387	416	-47.1	4,195	26.2	
Value of all building	\$m	Mar 89	579.6	527.6	502.2	730.5	432.8	33.9	2,659.4	45.7	
Commencements -											
New houses	No.	Dec qr 88	9,240	8,310	7,330	6,720	7,230	27.8	34,970	32.2	
Value of new houses	\$m	Dec qr 88	763.9	652.0	557.0	520.2	523.1	46.0	2,680.7	54.0	
New other residential buildings	No.	Dec qr 88	782	1,263	1,034	1,298	1,061	-26.3	11,398	63.6	
Value of new other residential buildings	\$m	Dec qr 88	41.7	69.5	54.4	73.1	54.6	-23.6	660.0	92.9	
Value of non-residential building	\$m	Dec qr 88	950.2	709.2	1,053.8	593.8	726.7	30.8	3,473.6	31.3	
Value of all building	\$m	Dec qr 88	1,881.9	1,545.1	1,773.4	1,291.9	1,409.4	33.5	7,241.4	43.1	
Work done in period	\$m	Dec qr 88	1,762.2	1,618.9	1,464.7	1,321.8	1,408.8	25.1	6,927.1	24.4	
PRICE INDEXES OF MATERIALS USED IN BUILDING, MELBOURNE, ALL GROUPS - (c)											
House building (1985-86=100)	index	Feb 89	126.8	126.3	124.9	124.6	115.0	10.3	127.3	11.0	
Other than house building (1979-80=100)	index	Feb 89	213.1	212.1	210.9	210.2	194.9	9.3	216.4	8.5	
NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS											
Cars & station wagons	No.	Mar 89	13,877	10,850	8,321	12,500	9,615	44.3	52,982	23.5	
Other motor vehicles (excl. motor cycles)	No.	Mar 89	11,810	9,079	6,800	10,566	8,317	42.0	41,461	18.3	
Motor cycles	No.	Mar 89	2,067	1,771	1,521	1,934	1,298	59.2	11,521	46.9	
BANKS											
Savings - Depositors' balances at end of period	\$m	Dec 88	23,401	22,526	21,977	22,587	20,731	12.9	67,628	17.7	
Major trading -											
Current deposits	\$m	Dec 88	6,883	6,390	6,187	5,730	5,708	20.6	22,129	15.4	
Fixed deposits	\$m	Dec 88	8,921	9,112	8,743	7,880	7,689	16.0	33,528	16.8	
Advances	\$m	Dec 88	17,401	17,108	17,034	16,301	15,110	15.2	54,365	11.8	
Debits to customers' accounts (d)	\$m	Dec 88	39,993	35,272	35,565	34,579	35,189	13.7	191,609	39.5	
HOUSING FINANCE FOR OWNER OCCUPATION											
Secured commitments to individuals -	\$m	Feb 89	509.4	453.6	585.2	644.2	427.2	19.2	1,915.8	9.0	
Savings banks	\$m	Feb 89	385.7	340.4	449.1	483.3	329.2	17.2	1,365.4	13.5	
Trading banks	\$m	Feb 89	45.7	36.1	44.4	52.4	33.6	36.0	229.5	30.3	
Permanent building societies	\$m	Feb 89	47.6	45.3	61.2	75.2	41.1	15.8	219.8	-25.9	
Other lenders	\$m	Feb 89	30.4	31.7	30.6	33.2	23.2	31.0	101.0	23.5	
ACTUAL NEW FIXED CAPITAL EXPENDITURE (e)	\$m	Dec qr 88	1,970	1,523	1,786	1,426	1,716	14.8	7,511	14.4	
Manufacturing	\$m	Dec qr 88	709	547	790	592	626	13.3	2,023	20.3	
Finance	\$m	Dec qr 88	543	502	486	425	541	0.4	2,087	15.2	
New building and structures	\$m	Dec qr 88	620	518	553	402	537	15.5	2,769	15.6	
Other new capital equipment	\$m	Dec qr 88	1,350	1,006	1,233	1,024	1,179	14.5	4,742	13.8	

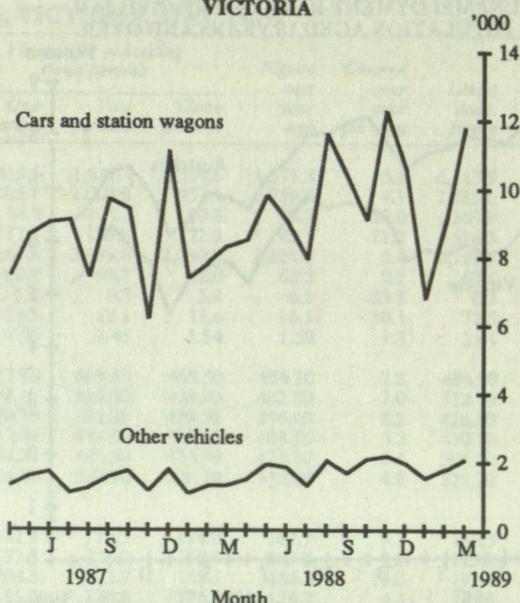
(a) The Australian figures for the CPI are the weighted average of eight capital cities figures. (b) For moulding, extrusion, laminating and calendering only. (c) The Australian figures for the Price indexes of Materials used in Building are the weighted average of six state capital cities figures. (d) All trading banks, and excluding debits to Commonwealth and State Government accounts at branches in the City of Melbourne. (e) By private enterprises.



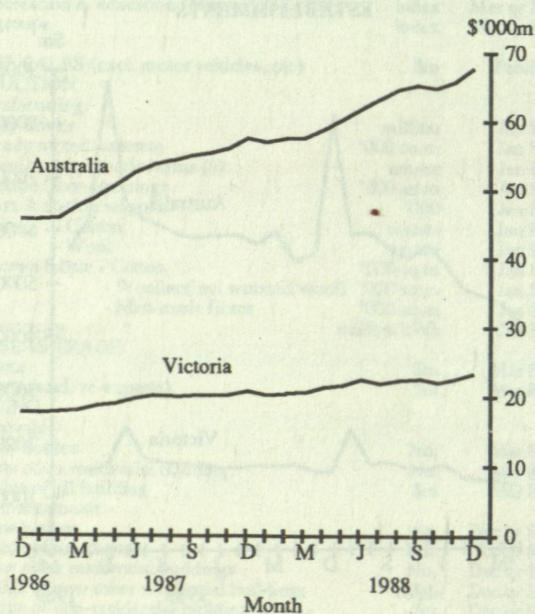
## PRODUCTION OF CARS AND STATION WAGONS



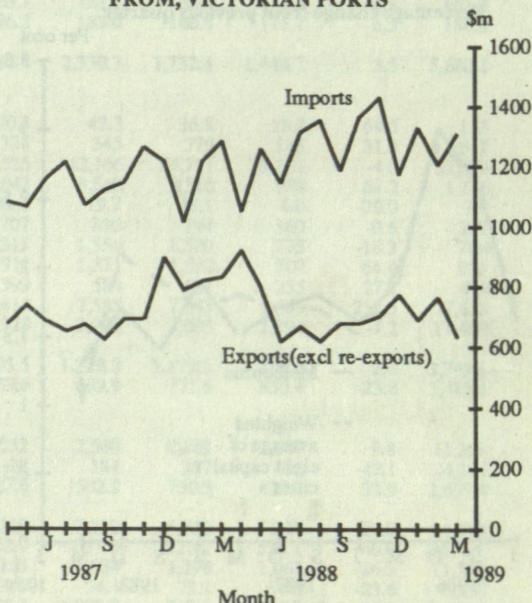
## NEW MOTOR VEHICLES REGISTERED, VICTORIA



## SAVINGS BANKS: DEPOSITORS' BALANCES



## VALUE OF IMPORTS INTO, AND EXPORTS FROM, VICTORIAN PORTS



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